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Group Art Unit 1627	
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For: MIMOTOPES OF HYPERVARIABLE REGION 1 OF THE E2GLYCOPROTEIN OF HCV AND USES THEREOF

Transmitted herewith is an amendment	in the above	-identified	application.
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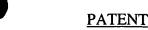
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed May 3, 2002, Applicants request consideration of the amendments and remarks provided below.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-14, 17, 19-31, 39, 41, 42, 58, 60-62, 64-68, 70-78, 81-86 and 88-96 without prejudice to future prosecution.

Please amend the claims by replacing and adding claims as follows:

32. (Three Times Amended) A mixture of 108 different peptides, wherein each of said 108 different peptides comprises an amino acid sequence according to the following formula ("Formula II"; SEQ ID NO: 39):

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